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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TOURE'S ADDRESS TO ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE:
GUINEAN POLICY ON MIDDLE EAST AND OIL

REF: LAHORE 326

1. EVENING NEWS BROADCAST ON GUINEAN GOVERNMENT RADIO STATION
OCT 27 WAS EXCLUSIVELY DEVOTED TO PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE'S ADDRESS
TO ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE. PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI, WHO
REPRESENTED GUINEAN GOVERNMENT AT CONFERENCE, GAVE SHORT INTRODUCTORY
SPEECH AND THEN PLAYED TAPED BROADCAST OF PRESIDENT'S REMARKS TO
PARTICIPANTS.

2. TOURE BEGAN HIS REMARKS BY SAYING THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
GONE TO CONFERENCE BUT WAS FORCED TO REMAIN IN GUINEA BECAUSE HIS
COUNTRY IS THE "PRIVILEGED TARGET OF IMPERIALISM AND ITS VARIOUS
ALLIES." THIS IS THE SAME EXCUSE TOURE HAS USED FOR YEARS TO
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AVOID LEAVING THE COUNTRY AND HIS REAL FEAR IS THAT HE, LIKE

NKRUMAH, WOULD BE DISPLACED BY DOMESTIC OPPONENTS IF HE WERE TO TRAVEL ABROAD.

3. AFTER REITERATING GUINEA'S WELL-KNOWN SUPPORT OF ARAB AND PALESTINIAN CAUSE IN THE MIDDLE EAST (CALLING FOR A PALESTINIAN STATE OF JEWS AND ARABS), TOURE WENT ON TO SAY THAT GUINEA WOULD "CONTINUE TO SUPPORT FULLY" ARAB USE OF OIL AS A POLITICAL WEAPON. HE ALSO ATTACKED "IMPERIALISTS" WHO WERE "CYNICALLY" TRYING TO DIVIDE ARAB FORCES AND THWART THEIR EFFORTS TO USE THEIR OIL PRODUCTION IN THIS WAY. "NEVERTHELESS," PRESIDENT CONTINUED, ARAB OIL PRODUCERS MUST DO SOMETHING FOR POORER COUNTRIES WHO CANNOT AFFORD INCREASED OIL PRICES. THIS BEARS OUT OUR EARLIER ANALYSIS THAT FOR TOURE THE POLITICAL QUESTION OF AFRO-ARAB SOLIDARITY IS STILL MORE IMPORTANT THAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS CAUSED BY OIL PRICE RISE.

4. CONTRARY TO REFTTEL, RADIO COMMENTATOR, WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN CONFERENCE, ASSERTED TOURE'S SPEECH WAS SUBJECT OF GREAT INTEREST AND COMMENT ON PART OF DELEGATES. THIS IS, OF COURSE, STANDARD POSITION THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE ADOPTED HERE. COMMENTATOR ALSO NOTED THAT CONFERENCE REFLECTED CHANGES GOING ON IN THIRD WORLD LEADING TO GREATER POLITICAL UNITY OF THIRD WORLD FORCE
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